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SUBJECT: EXTENSIONS OF STAY FOR ROMANIAN SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS

REF: GILBERT-FORD O-I OF OCTOBER 12, 1973; FORD REPLY OF NOVEMBER 9, 1973; BUCHAREST 3184 AND 3212

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS OF STAY FROM ROMANIAN SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS PRESENTLY IN US UNDER CU PROGRAMS. IN VIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS DESCRIBED IN BUCHAREST REFTELS, DEPARTMENT IS RELUCTANT TO PROCESS THESE REQUESTS WITHOUT ASSURANCE THAT ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE GRANTED PERMISSION FOR THESE PERSONS TO REMAIN ABROAD.

2. DEPARTMENT REALIZES EMBASSY UNABLE INTERVENE IN THESE CASES SINCE THIS IS INTERNAL ROMANIAN MATTER. HOWEVER, CURRENT PROCEDURE FOR GAINING THIS APPROVAL (SEE REF

LETTERS) BY HAVING GRANTEE APPLY FOR PERMISSION TO REMAIN ABROAD THROUGH ROMANIAN EMBASSY HERE, IS APPARENTLY NOT WORKING SINCE ROMANIAN EMBASSY RESPONSE IS EITHER VERY SLOW OR NOT GIVEN AT ALL. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY DISCUSSING THIS PROBLEM WITH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SO THAT  
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GRANTEES CAN BE GIVEN PROMPT REPLY INSTEAD OF WAITING

THE USUAL SEVERAL MONTHS (DURING WHICH THEY PROCEED TO  
COMPLETE ACADEMIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR FURTHER STAY).

CASES CURRENTLY PENDING GIVEN BELOW:

3. SENIOR SCHOLAR LAURIAN CHIRICA IN US SINCE 1971,  
FIRST AS GOR GRANTEE, LATER UNDER CU PROGRAM. HAS BEEN  
OFFERED TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP FOR 1974-75 AY TO  
COMPLETE WORK ON DOCTORATE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE WHICH HE  
EXPECTS TO RECEIVE BY AUGUST, 1975. UNIVERSITY AND CIES  
BOTH RECOMMEND EXTENSION BE GRANTED.

4. CONSTANTA MUSOLAN. IN US SINCE SEPTEMBER, 1973,  
MUSOLAN SEEKING EXTENSION FOR ONE YEAR, POSSIBLY FOR  
PERIOD TO JUNE 1977 TO COMPLETE WORK ON DOCTORATE IN  
BIOCHEMISTRY AT UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI. SHE HAS  
RECEIVED TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP AND WILL REQUIRE NO  
FURTHER SUPPORT FROM CU FUNDS.

5. ALEXSANDRU PELIN AND GRUI-CATALIN ROMAN, IN US SINCE  
1971 AS GRADUATE STUDENT GRANTEES. ARE REQUESTING  
EXTENSION TO REMAIN IN US UNTIL AUGUST, 1975 IN ORDER  
COMPLETE PHD IN COMPUTER SCIENCE. BOTH HAVE TEACHING  
ASSISTANTSHIPS.

6. IF EMBASSY VIEWS PROBLEM OF EXTENSIONS (WITH  
ATTENDANT RISK THAT GRANTEE MAY REMAIN IN US) AS  
SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT TO US-ROMANIAN RELATIONS AND  
CONTINUATION OF EXCHANGE PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT COULD  
INSTRUCT ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING AGENCIES (IIE AND CIES) TO  
TAKE MORE CRITICAL APPROACH TO REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS  
FROM ROMANIAN STUDENTS OR SCHOLARS UNDER CU PROGRAM. IN  
THOSE CASES WHERE PERMISSION TO EXTEND UNDER CU PROGRAM  
IS DENIED, GRANTEE COULD, OF COURSE, TRANSFER TO PRIVATE  
EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND CONTINUE HERE UNDER THAT SPONSORSHIP.  
HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT COULD AT LEAST DEMONSTRATE TO GOR  
THAT USG IS NOT ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING ROMANIAN CITIZENS TO  
REMAIN IN US. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS. KISSINGER

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